

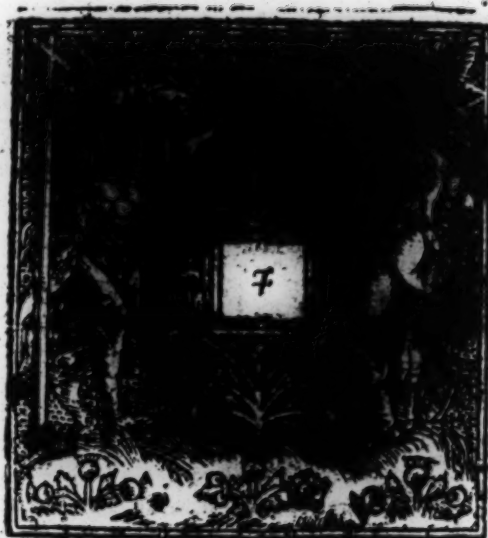


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A PROCLAMATION

For Opening the Mint.



AME S, by the Grace of GOD, King of *Great-Britain, France and Ireland*, Defender of the Faith; To Our Lyon King at Arms, - and his Brethren Heraulds, Macers of Our Privy Council, Pursevants, or Messengers at Arms, Our Sheriffs in that part, conjunctly and severally, specially constitute, Greeting: ~~Forasmuch as We~~ That Our Mint should be Opened, and that a free Coynage should therein, conform to an Act made and past in the last Session of the last Parliament of this Our Kingdom; Do I therefore, with Advice of Our Privy Council, Hereby Declare Our Mint-House to be Opened, from and after the first *Tuesday of May* next to come, and no sooner: And to the End, That all Merchants and others may be Certiorated of the Time of the Opening of Our said Mint, and of Our having Signed a Warrant for Coynage, of the date the fourteenth day of *August* last by-past, for the several Specieffes of the Silver Coyn, conform to the foresaid Act of Parliament, seeing We are Resolved to begin with that Coyn: Our Will is, and VVe Charge you strictly and Command, that incontinent these Our Letters seen, ye pass to the *Mercat-Cross of Edinburgh*, and remanent *Mercat-Crosses of the Head-Burghs of the Shires of this Kingdom*, and there, by open Proclamation, make publication of Our Royal VVill and Pleasure, concerning the Opening of Our said Mint, from, and after the said first *Tuesday of May* next ensuing, that all persons concerned may have notice thereof.

Given under Our Signet at Edinburgh, the Twentieth day of January, 1687. And of Our Reign the second year.

Per actum Dominorum Secreti Concilii.

WILL. PATERSON, Cls. Sti. Concilii.

GOD save the KING.